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1. In discussing the dissension created in the Partido de la Revolucion Guatemalteca (PRG), following the decision of the Political Commission of that party to withdraw representation by the PRG Deputies from the Frente Democratico and to handle party representation to that body itself, Alfonso SOLORZANO, Communist manager of the Instituto Guatemalteco de Seguridad Social (IGSS) made the following statement: The entire problem is based on the centralist political position of Carlos GARCIA Bauer, Abundio MALDONADO, and other Congressional Deputies in the party. Their position is in marked contrast to the attitude of Augusto CHARNAUD MacDonald, secretary-general of the PRG, who is now following basically the political lines indicated by him, (SOLORZANO), Abel CUENCA,¹ Roberto ALVARADO Fuentes,² and other members of the PRG who belong to the leftist faction of the party.
2. SOLORZANO said that the Deputies now in disagreement will probably ultimately respect the orders of the party, but, if they should not, the PRG will not yield,³ since it feels that some of its Deputies are betraying the party line.
3. Questioned as to whether the Deputies in disagreement were having an influence on the obvious rapprochement now existing between the PRG and the Partido Guatemalteco del Trabajo (PGT Guatemalan Communist Party), SOLORZANO replied in the affirmative, stating that it is basically a question of the centralist position which those Deputies are maintaining and which they wish to carry to the highest councils of the party and to the Frente Democratico. It is this position, SOLORZANO declared, which he and his followers have persuaded CHARNAUD to discard, having first eliminated the influence of those persons surrounding CHARNAUD who came from the Partido Socialista, which he founded immediately following his separation from the Partido Accion Revolucionaria (PAR).

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1. Abel CUENCA is a well-known Salvadoran Communist who is a member of the Political Commission of the PRG.

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2. Roberto ALVARADO Fuentes, a pro-Communist was recently named Guatemalan Ambassador to Mexico. Until his diplomatic appointment he was co-secretary-general of the PRG with CHARNAUD MacDonald.
3. On 14 October 1953 the following PRG Deputies to the Guatemalan National Congress announced their "irrevocable" withdrawal from the PRG: Carlos GARCIA Bauer, Emilio ZEA Gonzalez, Abundio MALDONADO, Amor VELASCO, Alfonso ESTRADA Ricci, and Ernesto FLORES Giron.

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